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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 10 of the specification as filed, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

A second embodiment of the modular bone screw 1 shown in Fig. 1 differs from the first embodiment in that, instead of the tip 3, a cannulated tip 5 having a shank portion 51 and a tip portion 53 is provided. Further, in this embodiment the holding element is a cannulated holding element 6. The cannulated tip 5 differs from the tip 3 in that, in addition, a coaxial bore 53 for passage of a reagent is provided. The cannulated holding element 6 differs from the holding element 4 in that, in addition, a coaxial bore 65 is provided and in that the rod-like section 63 is not provided with a metric thread over its whole length like the rod-like section 43 in the first embodiment, but only in a partial section 66.

On page 11 of the specification as filed, please amend the paragraph that begins at line 12 as follows:

A third embodiment of the modular bone screw 1 shown in Fig. 1 differs from the first and second embodiments in that, instead of the tip 3, a self-tapping tip 7 having a shank portion 71 and a tip portion 73 is provided. All of the other characteristics correspond to the first or second embodiment, and use of this embodiment takes place in the same way, as well. Introduction of the bone screw into the bone can be easier by the self-tapping tip.

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